

## REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated October 19, 2004. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. In the Office action, claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Salosky (U.S. Patent No. 2,803,920); claims 11-15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cho (U.S. Patent No. 6,102,768); and claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray (U.S. Patent No. 2,587,142) in view of Salosky. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6, 16, 19, and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the amendments above, and the remarks below, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and allowance of the pending claims.

### Claim Amendments

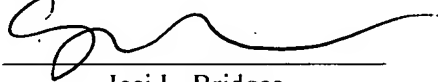
Applicants have rewritten independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of objected to claim 6 and intervening claim 5. Consequently, claims 5 and 6 are cancelled. Further, applicants have incorporated objected to claim 16 into corresponding independent claim 11, and have incorporated objected to claim 19 into corresponding independent claim 18. Applicants have added claims 21-24, which depend from independent claims 11 and 18. Accordingly, applicants believe the amended claims are allowable.

Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or

if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

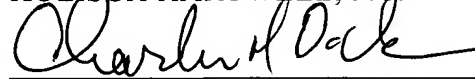
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